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MEMBERS OF COUNTY COUNCIL,

FOR THE YEAR 1867.

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WARDEN,—T. M. NAIRN, ESQ.

REEVES.	MUNICIPALITIES.
T. M. Nairn,	*Malahide,*
T. W. Dobbie,	*Bayham.*
George Suffel,	*Vienna.*
John Clunas,	*S. Dorchester.*
Arch. Kerr,	*Southwold.*
John Galbreath,	*Dunwich.*
W. H. Mandeville,	*Yarmouth.*
P. C. Campbell,	*Aldborough.*

DEPUTY REEVES.	MUNICIPALITIES.
A. R. McDougald,	*Aldborough.*
Joseph Scott,	*Dunwich.*
Dugald Ferguson,	*Southwold.*
Daniel Black,	*Yarmouth.*
John Thomson,	do
William Harvey,	*Malahide.*
John McCausland,	do
Henry Stratton,	*Bayham.*
Edward Hegler,	*S. Dorchester.*

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS.

G. T. Claris, *County Treasurer,* | Jehial Mann, *County Solicitor.*
W. McKay, *County Clerk,* | William Martin, *Messenger.*

STANDING COMMITTEES.

GAOL AND PRINTING.

CHAIRMAN—T. M. Nairn, *Warden.*

W. H. Mandeville, ... J. Thomson,

FINANCE.

CHAIRMAN—Geo. Suffel,

W. Harvey, E. Hegler, P. C. Campbell, J. Galbreath.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT.

CHAIRMAN—T. W. Dobbie.

J. Scott, J. Clunas, D. Black, A. R. McDougald.

EDUCATION.

CHAIRMAN,—Geo. Suffel,

D. Ferguson, J. McCausland, H. Stratton, A. Kerr.

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SPECIAL MEETING.

The Council met at the Court House, on Thursday, the fourth day of April, according to notice given by order of the Warden; for the purpose of selecting a site for an Industrial Farm and House of Refuge.

The Warden in the Chair.

Members present :—

Messrs.	Galbraith,	McCausland,	McDougald,
	Black,	Harvey,	Suffel,
	Hegler,	Campbell,	Stratton,
	Clunas,	Dobbie,	Kerr.
	Mandeville,	Ferguson,	Thomson,

The proceedings the last day of the previous session were read, and authorised to be signed.

The Warden addressed the Council.

The Warden read the award of the Arbitrators, in matter of the Currie Road Bridge, and a communication from the Council of Middlesex, relating to appropriation on County Lines. The Warden also read presentment of Grand Jury, Spring Assizes.

After which it was

Moved by Mr. McDougald, seconded by Mr. Suffel: that the costs of the arbitration between this County and the County of Middlesex, amounting to $214, respecting the bridge to be built across the River Thames, at the Currie Road, be referred to the proper officer, to be taxed.

Lost.

Yeas:—Suffel, McDougald and Harvey. - - : 3.

Nays:—Stratton, Dobbie, Campbell, McCausland, Thomson, Ferguson, Mandeville, Clunas, Hegler, Black, Galbraith. - - - - - - - - - - - 11.

Moved by Mr. Suffel, seconded by Mr. Stratton: that the report of the Committee appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the purchase of Lands, for an Industrial Farm be received and read. Carried.

The report of the special Committee, on House of Industry, and the report of the Deputation appointed to visit the House of Industry, in the County of Wayne, Michigan, were severally read by the Warden.

After which it was

Moved by Mr. Suffel, seconded by Mr. Harvey: that this Council tender a vote of thanks to Messrs. Dobbie & Campbell, members of the Committee, who were appointed a special committee to visit Wayne County Poor House, in Michigan, for the very able and satisfactory report submitted to the Council. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Dobbie: that the Council go into committee of the whole, on the Report of the committee on the House of Refuge and House of Industry. Carried.

The Council went into committee of the whole.

Mr. Clunas in the Chair.

The committee of the whole rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

The Warden took the Chair, when on motion of Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Hegler: the Council adjourned till nine o'clock the following morning.

SPECIAL MEETING.—Second Day.

Friday, the 5th of April, 1867.

The Council met at nine o'clock, forenoon.

The Warden in the Chair.

Members present:

Messrs. Campbell,	McDougald,	Kerr,	Galbraith,
Ferguson,	Mandeville,	Suffel,	Thomson,
Harvey,	McCausland,	Dobbie,	Stratton,
Clunas,	Hegler.		

The proceedings of the previous day were read and signed, after which it was

Moved by Mr. Clunas, seconded by Mr. Hegler: that Andrew N. Cline, be paid the sum of four dollars, advanced by him, to Warren Cartwright, a Constable, of the County of Norfolk, for travelling fees from Port Rowan to Vienna, in surrendering one Benjamin Smith to the Magistrates of this County, on a charge of Larceny. Motion lost.

Moved by Mr. Suffel, seconded by Mr. Stratton: that the Auditors Report be received and read. The Clerk read the Auditors' Statement and Report.

When Mr. Suffel moved, seconded by Mr. Stratton: that the Auditors Report be adopted and finally allowed by the Council. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Suffel, seconded by Mr. McCausland, that the resolution passed at the January session of the Council, appointing Samuel Price, Esq., of Port Stanley, as Arbitrator, between this County and the Town of St. Thomas, as to the amount that the said Town shall pay to this County yearly, for the use of the Gaol, and administering of Justice be rescinded, and that this Council do now accept the offer made by the Town of St. Thomas, to pay the sum of six hundred Dollars per annum, for the next five years, say $320 for the Municipal Loan Fund, and $280 for the Administration of Justice, and that the Warden be authorized to carry the same into effect on the part of the County. Carried.

Moved by P. C. Campbell, seconded by Mr. McDou-

gald: that the Warden be authorized to make on behalf of the Council an application to the Governor, in conformity with the provisions of the Act 22nd Victoria, Chap 93, to authorise and appoint William G. McGeorge, of Rondeau, in the County of Kent, to survey and ascertain the the true boundaries and courses of the side lines, in the Township of Aldborough, and to authorise him to place permanent stone or other durable Monuments, at the several corners, governing points, and that a special rate be levied ou the Township of Aldborough, to defray the expenses thereof. Carried.

After which it was

Moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. McDougald: that in consideration of the fact that the Committee appointed to take action, in regard to the selection of a site for the location of a House of Industry, and Industrial Farm, have not yet been able to agree upon any suitable plot of ground for the said farm, that this Council do not now go into committee of the whole, upon the selection of said site, for an industrial Farm; but that the Warden, Messrs. Dobbie, and C[illegible]as, be appointed a special Committee, with power to examine and secure until the next meeting of the Council, a suitable site for the erection of said buildings, and for the Industrial Farm, and that they be guided in that selection, by the adaptibility, convenience and economy of said selection. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Suffel, seconded by Mr. Mandeville: that the Young Men's Christian Association, of the Town of St. Thomas, be allowed the use of the Court House for Lectures, on conditions that the consent of the several Insurance Companies be had, in which the Court House is insured. Carried.

On motion the Council adjourned till the 3rd Tuesday in June next.

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THIRD SESSION.

Tuesday, 18th June, 1867.

The Council met at ten o'clock forenoon.

The Warden in the Chair.

Members present:

Messrs. Galbraith,	Mandeville,	Suffel
Campbell,	Harvey,	Dobbie,
McDougald,	Thomson,	Hegler,
Stratton,	Black,	Scott.
McCausland,	Clunas.	

The proceedings of the last day of the previous session were read and signed.

After which it was

Moved by Mr. Suffel, seconded by Mr. Dobbie: that the Rev. Dr. Shultee, be appointed a Trustee of the Vienna Grammar School, in place of the Rev. J. B. Jessup, who has removed from the County. Carried.

The Warden read a communication from the Council of Ontario, regarding the erection of Houses of Refuge and Industry, and also a communication from the County of Welland, relative to the Usury Laws, and rate of Interest.

Moved by Mr. Suffel, seconded by Mr. Stratton: that no action be taken with reference to a certain communication, from the County of Ontario, requesting the co-operation of other County Councils, to procure the 413th clause of the Municipal act of 1866, amended so as to make it optional with County Councils, whether to establish Houses of Industry, and Industral Farms. Carried.

The Clerk read a communication from the Educational Department, with statement of School apportionment for the current year.

The Warden read a communication from the Crown Lands Department, relative to the application for the survey of boundary lines in Aldborough.

The Clerk submitted a communication received from the Provincial Secretary, in reference to the Ownership of the Statutes furnished yearly to the Reeves of the Municipalities.

The Warden laid before the Council, a communication from the County Solicitor, concerning the Benjamin Suit.

The Clerk read report of the County Treasurer, on County Finances and estimates.

The Warden laid before the Counil, Agreement between the Town of St. Thomas, and the County of Elgin, respecting the amount to be paid by the Town of St. Thomas, to the County, for the administration of Justice and use of Gaol.

After which it was

Moved by Mr. McDougald, seconded by Mr. Campbell: that the communication of the Treasurer be referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Suffel, seconded by Mr. Stratton: that no action be taken regarding a communication received from the Council of Welland, respecting a Petition to Parliament of Canada, to fix the legal rate of Interest at six per cent per annum. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Harvey: that By-Law number 158 to appoint J. Mann, County Solicitor, be received and read a first time. Carried.

Moved by Mr. McDougald, seconded by Mr. Campbell: that By-Law No. 158, be read a second time. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Clunas, seconded by Mr. Hegler: that

By-Law No. 158, be read a third time, and finally passed. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Black: that By-Law No. 159, to confirm By-Law No. 136, of the Township of Southwold, to convey an old Road Allowance to James Foot, be received and read a first time. Carried.

Moved by W. H. Mandeville, seconded by Mr. Harvey: that By-Law No. 159 be read a second time. Carried.

Moved by P. C. Campbell, seconded by Mr. McDougald: that By-Law No. 159, to confirm By-Law No. 136, of the Township of Southwold, be read a third time, and finally passed. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Suffel, seconded by Mr. McDougald: that the Reeves of the several Municipalities, in the County, be a committee for the purpose of equalization of the Assessment Rolls, for the present year.

In amendment:

Moved by Mr. Mandeville, seconded by Mr. Campbell: that the Deputy Reeves, Messrs. Black, Hegler, Harvey, McDougald, Ferguson, Scott, Stratton and Suffel, be a committee to equalize the Assessment Rolls. Amendment lost and original Motion carried.

Moved by A. R. McDougald, seconded by P. C. Campbell: that John McKillop be re-appointed a commissioner to expend the balance of appropriation made by this council last year, for the County line, between Elgin and Kent. Carried.

P. C. Campbell presented petition of Duncan McColl, J. P., and 73 other ratepayers of the County of Elgin, for the erection of a Bridge across the river Thames, at a point between the Counties of Elgin, Kent, and Middlesex.

The Petition was read, after which it was

Moved by P. C. Campbell, seconded by A. R. McDougald: that the Petition of Duncan McColl, and others, in reference to a Bridge across the river Thames, be referred to the committee on Public Improvements. Carried.

On motion, the Council adjourned till nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, 19th June, 1867.

The Council met at 9 o'clock forenoon.

Members present :

Messrs. Stratton,	Kerr,	Black,
Dobbie,	Ferguson,	Thomson,
McDougald,	Suffel,	Harvey,
Galbraith,	Mandeville,	McCausland,
Scott,	Hegler,	Clunas,

The Warden being absent, the Council after a short delay, was called to order:

When it was moved by J. McCausland, seconded by E. Hegler: that Mr. Suffel be appointed Chairman, in the absence of the Warden. Carried.

Mr. Suffel took the Chair, and the proceedings were read, after which it was

Moved by J. Clunas, seconded J. McCausland: that the Council adjourn till one o'clock, to give time for the several committees to meet and prepare reports.

At one o'clock afternoon, the Council resumed.

The Warden in the Chair.

Moved by W. Harvey, seconded by J. McCausland: that the Jaol committee be instructed to make the necessary alterations in the doors of the Court House, in conformity with the Act 20 & 30 Vic., Chap. 22, Sec. 1st, before the expiration of the year, from the date of the passing of this Act, as required thereby. Carried.

Moved by T. W. Dobbie, seconded by J. Galbraith: that the report of the committee of Finance, be received and read.

The Finance Report was read, after which it was

Moved by W. H. Mandeville, seconded by W. Harvey: that the Report of Finance Committee be adopted, and

that the Warden sign orders for payment of accounts therein. Carried.

Moved by J. McCausland, seconded by W. Harvey: that in view of the increased expenditure of the County, for the present year, consequent on the extra amount to be provided to pay County Registrar's fees, under new Registry Act, and appropriations for Drill Sheds; it is not expedient to proceed at present with the purchase of Land for an Industrial Farm, and House of Refuge, and that the matter be deferred until the next meeting of this Council. Carried.

Mr. Suffel, Chairman of committee on equalization, submitted Report, when it was

Moved by A. R. McDougald, seconded by H. Stratton: that the report of the committee on the equalization of the Assessment Rolls, be received and read.

The equalization report was read by the Clerk, when it was

Moved by J. Clunas, seconded by E. Hegler: that the Council go into committee of the whole on the report of the Assessment Equalization Committee. Carried.

The Council went into committee of the whole.

Mr. Clunas in the Chair.

After being some time in session, the committee of the whole, reported progress.

The Council resumed, and the Warden took the Chair, when it was

Moved by G. Suffel, seconded by T. W. Dobbie: that this Council adjourn, until nine o'clock the following morning. Carried.

Thursday, 20th June, 1867.

The Council met at nine o'clock forenoon.

The Warden in the Chair.

Members present:

Messrs. Ferguson,	Mandeville,	Suffel
Campbell,	Harvey,	Dobbie,

McDougald,	Thomson,	Hegler.
Stratton,	Black,	Scott.
McCausland,	Clunas.	Kerr.
Galbraith.		

The proceedings of the previous day were read, and authorised to be signed, after which it was

Moved by A. R. McDougald, seconded by W. H. Mandeville: that By-Law No. 160, to raise the sum of three thousand four hundred and eighty-nine Dollars, for Common Schools, be received and read a first time. Carried.

Moved by G. Suffel, seconded by H. Stratton: that By-Law No. 160, be read a second time. Carried.

Moved by J. McCausland, seconded by W. H. Mandeville: that By-Law No. 160 be read a third time and finally passed. Carried.

Moved by J. McCausland, seconded by W. Harvey: that By-Law No. 161, to raise amounts for county purposes, be read a first time. Carried.

Moved by J. Galbraith, seconded by J. Scott: that By-Law No. 161, be read a second time. Carried.

Moved by W. H. Mandeville, seconded by Mr. McDougald: that By-Law No. 161, be read a third time, and finally passed. Carried.

Moved by J. Galbraith, seconded by J. Scott: that notice be given by this Council to the County Council of Middlesex: that unless they pass a By-Law for the share in the erection of the Currie Road Bridge, as decided by the Arbitrators, this Council will be under the necessity of taking proceedings against the County of Middlesex, as the law may direct in such case, to compel said County to provide for one half of the cost of the erection of said Bridge. Carried.

Moved by J. Scott, seconded by J. Galbraith: that the sum of seventy-five Dollars be paid to F. Hamilton out of the amount granted in January last, for right of

way to land taken in lieu of the Town Line, between Dunwich and Southwold, for an approach to the Macintosh Bridge. Carried.

Moved by J. McCausland, seconded by W. H. Mandeville: that the Warden be authorised to pay to the arbitrators, in the matter of the Currie Road Bridge, the amount or share of the expenses of said arbitrators, payable by this County, as soon as the evidence is furnished as required by law. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Suffel, seconded by Mr. McCausland: that the Rev. Dr. Caulfield, be appointed a Trustee of the St. Thomas Grammar School, in place of the Rev. W. Clark, who is about to remove from St. Thomas. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Mandeville: that the Council do now go into committee of the whole, on the equalization of the Assessment Rolls of the several Municipalities.

The council went into Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Clunas in the Chair

After being some time in session, the committee rose, and the council resumed, when

The chairman of the committee of the whole, reported to the Council, the adoption of the report of the committee on Equalization, with amendments, after which it was

Moved by E. Hegler, seconded by J. Clunas: that the Report of the committee on equalization, be amended by reducing the assessment of Lands in Dorchester, from twenty-one Dollars, to twenty Dollars per acre. Lost.

Yeas:—Clunas, Hegler, and Kerr.

Nays:—Dobbie, Stratton, Suffel, McDougald, Campbell, Ferguson, Thomson, Black, and Galbraith.

After which it was

Moved by T. W. Dobbie, seconded by Mr. Stratton: that the report on equalization, be adopted, as amended in committee of the whole. Carried.

The clerk submitted By-Law No. 162 on equalization of assessment Rolls ; when it was

Moved by E. Hegler, seconded by D. Ferguson: that By-Law No. 162, be received and read a first time. Carried.

Moved by D. Black, seconded by J. Scott: that By-Law No. 162 be read a second time. Carried.

Moved by E. Hegler, seconded by D. Ferguson: that By-Law No. 162, be read a third time and finally passed. Carried.

Moved by J. McCausland, seconded by J. Thomson : that the alterations recommended by the Prison Inspector, to be made in the County Gaol, be considered at next meeting of the council. Carried.

The chairman of committee on Public Improvements, submitted Report, when it was

Moved by J. Clunas, seconded by D. Black: that the Report of Committee, on Public Improvements be received and read.

The clerk read report on Public Improvements, after which it was

Moved by W. H. Mandeville, seconded by A. R. McDougald: that the council go into committee of the whole on the report of Committee on Public Improvements. The council were put into committee of the whole.

Mr. Thomson in the Chair.

After some time in session, the committee rose: the Warden took the chair, when the chairman of the committee of the whole, reported the adoption of the report of the committee on Public Imdrovements, without amendment.

It was then

Moved by A. R. McDougald, seconded by H. Stratton : that the report of the committee on Public Improvements be adopted. Carried.

On motion, the council adjourned for an hour.

The council resumed, the Warden in the Chair, when it was

Moved by P. C. Campbell, seconded by J. Galbraith: that Mr. Philpot be allowed to address the council, in relation to the building of a Drill Shed, at the Village of Iona. Carried.

Mr. Philpot being present, addressed the council, after which, By-Law No. 163, to appropriate certain amounts for County Lines was submitted.

Moved by J. Scott, seconded by J. Galbraith: that By-Law, No. 163, be received and read a first time. Carried.

Moved by T. W. Dobbie, seconded by H. Stratton: that By-Law No. 163, be read a second time. Carried.

Moved by H. Stratton, seconded by T. W. Dobbie: that By-Law No. 163, be read a third time, and finally passed. Carried.

Moved by W. H. Mandeville, seconded by J. Galbraith: that the sum of two hundred and fifty Dollars, be granted by this council, to assist in the erection of a Drill Shed, in the Village of Iona, to be paid when the work is approved by the Government. Carried.

Mr. Hegler called for the yeas and nays, which were taken as follows:—

Yeas:—Dobbie, Stratton, McDougald, Mandeville, Black, Galbreath, Ferguson, Scott, Thomson, and Kerr.

Nays:—Campbell, Harvey, Hegler, and Clunas.

Moved by E. Hegler, seconded by D. Ferguson: that the Warden be instructed to transfer the Insurance on the County Buildings, now in the 'Royal,' to the 'Commercial Union' Insurance Company. Carried.

Moved by P. C. Campbell, seconded by A. Kerr: that on examination of the evidence submitted by the County Solicitor, the Warden exercise his own judgment, in deciding whether to take further proceedings, in regard to

the suit now pending between this County and Henry Benjamin, of London, in case said suit be decided against the County. Carried.

The council then adjourned till the second Tuesday in November.

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FOURTH SESSION.

Tuesday, the 12th Nov., 1867.

The Council met at ten o'clock, forenoon.

The Warden in the Chair.

Members present :—

Messrs. Galbraith,	McCausland,	McDougald,
Black,	Harvey,	Suffel,
Hegler,	Campbell,	Scott,
Clunas,	Thomson,	Kerr,
Mandeville,	Ferguson,	Stratton.

The proceedings of the last day of the previous session, were read and signed.

The Warden addressed the Council.

The following communications were read :—

From W. A. Thompson, president of the Erie and Niagara Railway.

From the County Solicitor, regarding the costs on the Benjamin suit, against the County.

From the County of Huron, relative to the Insolvent Act.

From the arbitrators in the matter of the Currie Road Bridge, with the evidence taken.

From the publisher of the Welland "Advertiser."

Moved by Mr. Suffel, seconded by Mr. Campbell: that the County Solicitor be authorised to proceed with the interpleader suit against Mr. Bejamin, in reference to the Piano seized by the Sheriff of the County of Middlesex. Carried.

The Warden asked leave of absence, to attend a meeting of the Port Stanley Railway Board, to be held the following day. Granted.

On motion of Mr. Suffel, seconded by Mr. Mandeville: The Council adjourned till four o'clock the following afternoon.

Wednesday, 13th November.

The Council met according to adjournment.

T. M. Nairn, the Warden, in the Chair.

Members present:—

Messrs. Campbell,	McDougald,	Galbraith,
Scott,	Kerr,	Ferguson,
Black,	Mandeville,	Thomson,
Harvey,	McCausland,	Clunas,
Stratton,	Suffel,	Hegler.

The proceedings of the previous day were read and signed.

Mr. Stoliker, of Dunwich, appeared before the Council, and made application for payment of work done at the Macintosh Bridge; after which it was moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Galbraith: that J. B. Stoliker receive a cheque signed by the Warden, for the sum of one hundred and forty-five dollars, for making approaches to the Macintosh Bridge. Carried.

Mr. Thomson, President of the Erie and Niagra Railway Company, was introduced by the Warden, and addressed the Council regarding the extension of the Erie and Niagara Railway from the Niagara to the Detroit River; after which it was moved by Mr. Campbell, se-

conded by Mr. McCausland: that the Council adjourn till seven o'clock, evening.

The Council met at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Moved by Mr. McCausland, seconded by Mr. McDougald: that the report of the Finance Committee be received and read.

The Clerk read the report of Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Mandeville, seconded by Mr. McDougald: that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried.

Moved by P. C. Campbell, seconded by G. Suffel: that the Council recommend the Sheriff to take proper legal steps to ascertain the place of the last legal settlement of Phœbe Berdan, so as to recover from the Municipality in which such place of settlement is situated, the costs of conveying her to the Lunatic Asylum, and if such place cannot be ascertained, then to recover from the Municipality in which she was apprehended. Carried.

Moved by G. Suffel, seconded by W. Mandeville: that the sum of sixty dollars be paid to the Warden, for extra services and expenses during the current year. Carried.

Moved by John Clunas, seconded by A. Kerr: that G. T. Claris, Esq., County Treasurer, be authorized to deposit the County Funds in some chartered bank. Carried.

Captain Cole appeared before the Council, and made statement regarding insurance and balance due for the erection of the Battalion Drill Shed at St. Thomas.

Moved by J. Thomson, seconded by W. H. Mandeville: that the Council grant an additional sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars to the liquidation of the debt incurred by the inhabitants of the Town of St. Thomas, in building and finishing the Drill Shed in St. Thomas. Lost.

Moved by P. C. Campbell, seconded by D. Black: that the Warden communicate with the Government of Canada to ascertain whether the County will be allowed

to insure the several drill sheds in this County, to the amount that the County has appropriated to each, and to realize the amount of such insurance, should such sheds be destroyed by fire; and that the Warden be authorized to effect such insurance, should the reply be in the affirmative. Motion lost.

Moved by A. R. McDougald, seconded by W. H. Mandeville: that the Treasurer be authorised to pay to the order of P. C. Campbell, Reeve of Aldborough, countersigned by the Warden, such sums as may be required to pay for the repairs to the Wardsville Bridge, and fixing approach to the same on the Aldborough side.

In amendment it was moved by Mr. Suffel, seconded by Mr. Stratton: that the words "fixing the approach to to the Wardsville Bridge" be struck out of the resolution moved by A. R. McDougall, and seconded by W. H. Mandeville. Lost.

The amendment was lost and the original motion carried.

Moved by D. Black, seconded by J. Scott: that this Council adjourn till half-past eight o'clock the following morning.

Thursday, the 14th Nov., 1867.

The Council met at half-past eight o'clock, forenoon.

The Warden in the Chair.

Members present:—

Messrs. Galbraith,	McCausland,	McDougald,
Black,	Harvey,	Suffel,
Hegler,	Campbell,	Scott,
Clunas,	Thomson,	Kerr,
Mandeville,	Stratton.	Ferguson,

The proceedings of the previous day were read and

signed; after which it was Moved by John Clunas, seconded by E. Hegler: that this Council after hearing W. A. Thompson, Esq., President of the Erie and Niagara Railway Company, relative to procuring a charter for the extension of that Road to the Detroit River, do co-operate with him in assisting to procure said charter, and that this Council authorize the Warden to sign and attach the seal of the corporation of the County to a petition to the Parliament of Ontario, for the said charter. Carried.

In ammendment it was moved by P. C. Campbell, seconded by A. R. McDougald: that this Council do not authorise the Warden and Clerk to sign a petition to the Local Legislature in favor of granting a charter to the Erie & Niagara Railway Company, for the building of what is called the Southern Railway, as this Council is not satisfied that such a charter would be the most satisfactory mode of obtaining the building of said Railroad; but that the Warden be authorised to press the application already advertised by this Council to obtain a free and untrammelled charter without being connected with the Erie & Niagara, or any other encumbered Railway; and that the Warden communicate with the other Municipalities through which the proposed Southern Railway passes, for their co-operation in obtaining an independent charter.

The amendment was lost, and original motion carried; After which the warden read a draft of petition to the Local Legislature, for an extension of the Erie & Niagara Railway, from the Niagara to the Detroit Rivers; when it was Moved by J. Clunas, seconded by E. Hegler: that the petition now read by the Warden, be adopted and signed by the Warden with the seal of the County attached, and forwarded to the Parliament of Ontario. Carried.

Moved by J. Thomson, seconded by W. Harvey: that the resolution having reference to a grant of $175 for the liquidation of the debt on the Drill Shed in St. Thomas

be reconsidered, and that the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated to defray the expenses incurred in building said shed. Motion lost.

Yeas—Thomson, McCausland, Harvey, and Mandeville.

Nays—Stratton, Suffel, McDougall, Campbell, Hegler, Clunas, Kerr, Scott, Ferguson, and Galbraith.

Moved by P. C. Campbell, seconded by A. R. McDougall: that the question of the County Rates paid by the Township of Aldborough, upon unpatented lands, during the years 1854 to '62, both inclusive, and which is now withdrawn, be taken up at the next session of the Council. Carried.

Moved by P. C. Campbell, seconded by G. Suffel: that the Warden sign a petition to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, praying that power be conferred upon local Municipal Councils to impose a special rate upon all unoccupied lands, for the improvement of roads, &c., and that the Warden communicate with other Municipalities in Ontario, soliciting their co-operation. Carried.

Moved by John McCausland, seconded by Wm. Harvey: that the matter of purchasing land for a House of Refuge and Industry be further postponed until the next meeting of the County Council, when further information may be obtained on the subject. Carried.

Moved by P. C. Campbell, seconded by A. R. McDougald: that a vote of thanks be given to T. M. Nairn, Esq., for his able and impartial conduct as Warden of this County for the current year. Carried.

Moved by G. Suffel, seconded by P. C. Campbell: that a vote of thanks be tendered by this Council to the County Clerk and County Treasurer for their efficient services during the present year. Carried.

Moved by G. Suffel, seconded by H. Stratton: that this Council do now adjourn *sine die*, and that the Warden sign cheques for members' wages.

Finance Report for the year 1867.

TO THE WARDEN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF ELGIN:—

The standing Committee of Finances, beg leave to Report:

That your Committee having carefully examined into the financial affairs of the County, and the estimate submitted by the County Treasurer, herewith submit an estimate of the expenditure required to be provided for the lawful purposes of the County, during the current year, showing amounts to be raised for the undermentioned purposes, namely:—

Debenture and Interest,	$2,618.
Municipal Loan Fund,	6.400.
Common Schools,	3.489.
Grammar Schools,	600.
Local Superintendents,	560.
Board of Public Instruction,	400.
Administration of Justice, and Jurors,	4.000.
General Purposes, Members' Wages, &c.,	5.283.
Grant for County Roads and Bridges,	500.
Registrar's Fees, Books &c.,	1.200.
Drill Sheds,	1.000.
	$26.050.

Your Committee have carefully examined the above estimate, and find that the several amounts therein are reduced as low as practicable, without affecting the credit of the County.

Your Committee therefore recommend, that the sum of Twenty-six Thousand and Fifty Dollars, be raised in the several Municipalities in the County, as per Schedule herewith; and, that the requisite By-Laws be drawn up and passed in accordance therewith, to levy a Rate of Six Tenths of a cent in the Dollar, on the rateable property in the County, to raise said amount, as follows:—

SCHEDULE.

MUNICIPALITIES.	COMMON SCHOOL.	GENERAL PURPOSES.	TOTALS.
Aldborough,	$291	$2,273	$2,564
Dunwich,	375	2,773	3,148
Southwold,	640	4,564	5,204
Yarmouth,	720	4,765	5,485
Malahide,	618	3,554	4,172
S. Dorchester,	265	1,640	1,905
Bayham,	580	2,617	3,197
Vienna,		375	375
	$3,489.	$22,561	$26,050

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE SUFFEL,
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Rooms, St. Thomas,
19th June, 1867.

BY-LAW NO. 162.

To equalize the valuations of Real and Personal Property in the Assessment Rolls of the different Townships, and Villages in the County of Elgin, for the year, 1867.

PASSED 20th June, 1867.

And whereas the Council of the County of Elgin, by virtue of the 72nd Sec. of the Act 29, 30th Vic., Chap. 53, have examined the Assessment Rolls of the different Townships and Villages in the County, for the preceding financial year, to acertain whether the valuation made by the Assessors for the current year bears a just relation to the valuation so made in all such Townships and Villages.

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Corporation of the County of Elgin, by virtue of the authority aforesaid,

That the following Schedule of valuation be the equalized valuation of Real and Personal Property, in the several Townships and Villages in the County of Elgin, for the year 1867.

MUNICIPALITIES.	EQUALIZED IN 1866.	ASSESSED IN 1867.	EQUALIZED IN 1867.
Aldborough,	$454,600	$ 700,305	$ 700,305
Dunwich,	554,590	548,857	947,506
Southwold,	912,709	1,089,961	1,416,540
Yarmouth,	953,115	1,698,123	1,633,423
Malahide,	710,795	1,267,755	1,267,755
S. Dorchester,	328,002	764,330	638,000
Bayham,	523,375	865,355	794,388
Vienna,	75,100	103,915	90,650
	$4,512,336	$7,038,601	$7,488,567

And it is enacted that this By-Law shall be in force and take effect from and after the 20th day of June, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Seven.

PASSED IN COUNCIL, 21st June, 1867.

W. McKAY, COUNTY CLERK. T. M. NAIRN, WARDEN.

REPORT

OF

Committee of Public Improvements.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Elgin in Council Assembled.

GENTLEMEN:—

The Committee of Public Improvements, beg leave to report: That they would recommend that the sum of Thirty Dollars be granted for the County Line, between the Township of Yarmouth and Westminster, providing the County of Middlesex grant a like amount

That the sum of Fifty Dollars be granted for the County Line, between the Townships of Southwold and Deleware, providing the County of Middlesex grant a like amount.

That the sum of Three Hundred Dollars be granted for the County Line between the Township of Bayham and Middlesex, providing the County of Norfolk, grant a like amount.

That the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars be granted for the County Line between Aldborough and Orford, the County of Kent having appropriated the said amount. All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. W. DOBBIE,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOMS,
June 20, 1867.